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Security Council

10 a.m. . . . . 5997th meeting . . . . . Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Post-conflict peacebuilding

General Assembly
Sixty-third session

Drafting sessions on the draft outcome document for the Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus (Doha, Qatar, 29 November–2 December 2008)

A drafting session on the draft outcome document (A/CONF.212/CRP.1) of the Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus will be held *today*, 21 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The sessions will be co-chaired by the Co-Facilitators, H.E. Mr. Maged A. Abdelaziz (Egypt) and H.E. Mr. Johan L. Løvald (Norway). For further information, including background materials, please consult the Web site of the Financing for Development Office <www.un.org/esa/ffd/>.

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General Assembly

Sixty-third session

Main Committees

First Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . 13th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 4

Thematic discussion on item subjects and introduction and consideration of all draft resolutions submitted under agenda items 81 to 96: *item 81* (A/63/97 and A/63/97/Add.1); *item 82* (A/C.1/63/L.12); *item 83* (A/63/62-S/2008/123 and A/C.1/63/L.3); *item 84*; *item 85* (A/63/139); *item 86* (A/63/115 (Part I), A/63/115 (Part I)/Add.1 and A/C.1/63/L.1); *item 87* (A/C.1/63/L.7); *item 88* (A/C.1/63/L.4); *item 89* (A/63/73-S/2008/297, A/63/91, A/63/114, A/63/114/Add.1, A/63/116, A/63/117, A/63/117/Add.1, A/63/120, A/63/120/Add.1, A/63/122, A/63/126, A/63/134, A/63/135, A/63/136, A/63/136/Add.1, A/63/153, A/63/158, A/63/158/Add.1, A/63/170, A/63/170/Add.1, A/63/171, A/63/171/Add.1, A/63/176, A/63/182, A/63/261, A/63/334, A/C.1/63/3, A/C.1/63/4, A/C.1/63/L.5 and A/C.1/63/L.14); *item 90* (A/63/129, A/63/157, A/63/162, A/63/163, A/63/164 and A/63/178); *item 91* (A/63/27 (Supp. 27), A/63/42 (Supp. 42)*, A/63/177 and A/63/279); *item 92* (A/63/115 (Part II) and A/C.1/63/L.2); *item 93*; *item 94* (A/63/138); *item 95* (A/63/124); and *item 96* (A/C.1/63/L.11)

[Other documents: A/C.1/63/1, A/C.1/63/2, A/C.1/63/CRP.1, A/C.1/63/CRP.2/Rev.1 and A/C.1/63/INF/1]

Thematic discussion on the issue of conventional weapons

Exchange with the Chairman of the Third Biennial Meeting of States to consider the implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All its Aspects

3–6 p.m. . . . . 14th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 4

Thematic discussion on item subjects and introduction and consideration of all draft resolutions submitted under agenda items 81 to 96: *item 81* (A/63/97 and A/63/97/Add.1); *item 82* (A/C.1/63/L.12); *item 83* (A/63/62-S/2008/123 and A/C.1/63/L.3); *item 84*; *item 85* (A/63/139); *item 86* (A/63/115 (Part I), A/63/115 (Part I)/Add.1 and A/C.1/63/L.1); *item 87* (A/C.1/63/L.7); *item 88* (A/C.1/63/L.4); *item 89* (A/63/73-S/2008/297, A/63/91, A/63/114, A/63/114/Add.1, A/63/116, A/63/117, A/63/117/Add.1, A/63/120, A/63/120/Add.1, A/63/122, A/63/126, A/63/134, A/63/135, A/63/136, A/63/136/Add.1, A/63/153, A/63/158, A/63/158/Add.1, A/63/170, A/63/170/Add.1, A/63/171, A/63/171/Add.1, A/63/176, A/63/182, A/63/261, A/63/334, A/C.1/63/3, A/C.1/63/4, A/C.1/63/L.5 and A/C.1/63/L.14); *item 90* (A/63/129, A/63/157, A/63/162, A/63/163, A/63/164 and A/63/178); *item 91* (A/63/27 (Supp. 27), A/63/42 (Supp. 42)*, A/63/177 and A/63/279); *item 92* (A/63/115 (Part II) and A/C.1/63/L.2); *item 93*; *item 94* (A/63/138); *item 95* (A/63/124); and *item 96* (A/C.1/63/L.11)

[Other documents: A/C.1/63/1, A/C.1/63/2, A/C.1/63/CRP.1, A/C.1/63/CRP.2/Rev.1 and A/C.1/63/INF/1]

1. Thematic discussion on the issue of conventional weapons

Exchange with the Chairman of the Group of Governmental Experts to consider further steps to enhance cooperation with regard to the issue of conventional ammunition stockpiles in surplus

2. Thematic discussion on the issue of other disarmament measures and international security

[*Note:* The list of side events during the session of the First Committee can be consulted at <www.un.org/disarmament/HomePage/docs/2008/63_session_side_events.pdf>.]

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

3–6 p.m. 13th meeting Conference Room 2

1. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples [37]

Question of Western Sahara

Action on draft resolution A/C.4/63/L.7

2. Questions relating to information (A/63/21 and A/63/258) [32]

Interactive dialogue

General debate (continued)

Third Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m 18th meeting Conference Room 1

1. Indigenous issues [61]

(a) Indigenous issues (A/63/166)

(b) Second International Decade of the World's Indigenous People

Continuation and conclusion of general discussion

2. Promotion and protection of human rights (A/63/123, A/63/370-S/2008/614 and A/63/281-S/2008/431) [64]

Implementation of human rights instruments (A/63/40 (Vol. I)[1], A/63/40 (Vol. II)[1], A/63/44, A/63/48, A/63/137, A/63/220, A/63/175 and A/63/280) [64 (a)]

Introductory statement followed by question time

General discussion

3. Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action (A/63/36 and A/C.3/63/3) [64 (d)]

General discussion

3–6 p.m. 19th meeting Conference Room 1

1. Advancement of women [56]

Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.3/63/L.12 and A/C.3/63/L.14

(a) Advancement of women

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.15

[1] To be issued.

2. Promotion and protection of human (A/63/123, A/63/370-S/2008/614 and A/63/281-S/2008/431) . . . . . [64]

(d) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action (A/63/36 and A/C.3/63/3)

Conclusion of general discussion

Fifth Committee

10 a.m. . . . . 9th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 3

Programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 . . . . . [118]

Development Account (A/63/335 and A/479)

Introduction and general discussion

Morning[1]–1 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 118 (Programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009: Development related activities (A/62/708, A/62/7/Add.40, A/63/335 and A/63/479))

3–6 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on:

Item 122 (Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (A/63/11, A/63/68, A/62/11, A/62/70, A/60/140, A/60/140/Corr.1, A/58/189, A/C.5/61/11 and A/56/767)); and

Item 119 (Programme planning (A/63/16, A/63/6 (Part one), A/63/6 (Prog.1), A/63/6 (Prog.2), A/63/6 (Prog.3), A/63/6 (Prog.4), A/63/6 (Prog.5), A/63/6 (Prog.6), A/63/6 (Prog.7), A/63/6 (Prog.8), A/63/6 (Prog.9), A/63/6 (Prog.10), A/63/6 (Prog.11), A/63/6 (Prog.12), A/63/6 (Prog.13), A/63/6 (Prog.14), A/63/6 (Prog.15), A/63/6 (Prog.16), A/63/6 (Prog.17), A/63/6 (Prog.17)/Corr.1 (Arabic, English and Chinese only), A/63/6 (Prog.18), A/63/6 (Prog.18)/Corr.1 (French only), A/63/6 (Prog.19), A/63/6 (Prog.20), A/63/6 (Prog.21), A/63/6 (Prog.22), A/63/6 (Prog.23), A/63/6 (Prog.23)/Corr.1), A/63/6 (Prog.24), A/63/6 (Prog.25), A/63/6 (Prog.26), A/63/6 (Prog.27) and A/63/70))

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[1]To be held following the adjournment of the 9th meeting of the Committee.

Sixth Committee

10 a.m. . . . . 11th meeting . . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

Nationality of natural persons in relation to the succession of States (A/63/113, A/59/180, A/59/180/Add.1 and A/59/180/Add.2) . . . . . [72]

Observer status for the South Centre in the General Assembly (A/63/141 and A/C.6/63/L.3) . . . . . [151]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.6/63/L.3

Observer status for the University of Peace in the General Assembly (A/63/231 and A/C.6/63/L.2) . . . . . [153]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.6/63/L.2

Morning[1]–1 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on criminal accountability of United Nations officials and experts on mission (agenda item 73)

Working Group

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

Administration of justice at the United Nations . . . . . [129]

[*Note*: The list of speakers for all items on the agenda of the Sixth Committee is open. Delegations are urged to contact the secretariat of the Sixth Committee (Ms. Marianne Sooksatan (tel. 1 (212) 963-5378; fax 1 (212) 963-1963)) if they wish to be inscribed on the list. Agenda item 78 (Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization) will be discussed on Wednesday, 22 October. Delegations that have not yet submitted the names of their representatives, alternates and advisers are invited to inform the Codification Division, Office of Legal Affairs, secretariat of the Sixth Committee (room S-3460; fax 1 (212) 963-1963).]

[1]To be held following the adjournment of the 11th meeting of the Sixth Committee.

General Assembly

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

1. International Civil Service Commission (ICSC)
2. Executive session

Informal meetings on draft proposals convened by delegations

Tuesday, 21 October 2008

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Missing persons" (under agenda item 64 (b)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Azerbaijan)

9–10 a.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Cooperation between the United Nations and the Council of Europe" (under agenda item 114 (g)) (General Assembly) (convened by the delegation of Sweden)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room D

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Safety and security of humanitarian personnel and protection of United Nations personnel" (under agenda item 65) (convened by the delegation of France)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 7

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "The situation in Afghanistan" (under agenda item 17) (convened by the delegation of Germany)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room E

Meeting of co-sponsors of the draft resolution on "Elimination of all forms of intolerance and of discrimination based on religion and belief" (under agenda item 64 (b)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of France)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B

Meeting of co-sponsors of the draft resolution entitled "Human rights and extreme poverty" (under item 64 (b)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Peru)

1–3 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on "Foreign policy and global health" (under agenda item 44) (convened by the delegation of South Africa)

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 9

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "International Year of Chemistry" (under agenda item 51 (a)) (Second Committee) (convened by the delegation of Ethiopia)

3–4 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "National institutions for the promotion and protection of human rights" (under agenda item 64 (b)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Germany)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on "The role of the Ombudsman and mediation institutions in the promotion and protection of human rights" (under agenda item 64 (b)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Morocco)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 7

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Effects of atomic radiation" (agenda item 27) (Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)) (convened by the delegation of Canada)

3.30–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room A

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities" (under agenda item 64 (e)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegations of Mexico, New Zealand and Sweden)

4–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B

Other meetings

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Tuesday, 21 October 2008

African Group (on Fifth Committee matters)

9–9.45 a.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 5

African Group (Third Committee experts)

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 8

Mason Group

9–9.45 a.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 6

2008 United Nations Disarmament Fellowship Programme

9 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room S-3170B

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room D

JUSCANZ Group (Third Committee experts)

9.15–9.45 a.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room D

Group of 77 (on the draft outcome document for the Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 9

Group of 77 (at the ambassadorial level)

11 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber

Group of 77 (on strengthening the environmental activities in the United Nations system)

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber

Group of 77 (on the status of developing geographically disadvantaged States in the law of the sea)

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 3

Group of 77 (on Second Committee matters)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 3

Council of Presidents of the General Assembly of the United Nations

10.30 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 8

3–5 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 8

Eastern European Group (Fifth Committee experts)

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 7

UNITAR French-language workshop on the structure, drafting and adoption of United Nations resolutions

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 9

Other activities

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Tuesday, 21 October 2008

Briefing by the Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief (organized by the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights and the NGO Committee on Freedom of Religion or Belief)

From 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room E.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (tel. 1 (917) 367-5861).]

Seminar on "What made judges and lawyers oppose the death penalty" (organized by Amnesty International and co-sponsored by the Permanent Missions of Argentina, Chile, the Philippines, Rwanda, Timor-Leste and Uruguay)

From 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 1.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Marta Balla, Permanent Mission of Argentina (tel. 1 (212) 688-6300, ext. 223).]

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at <www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm>.

Tuesday, 21 October 2008

Room S-226

11 a.m. . . . . Dr. David Nabarro, Senior United Nations System Coordinator for Avian and Human Influenza (on the status of the current avian influenza threat and the quality of the global response)

12 noon . . . . . Press briefing by the Spokesperson

General Assembly
Sixty-third session

Drafting sessions on the draft outcome document for the Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus (Doha, Qatar, 29 November–2 December 2008)

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 62/187 (A/RES/62/187), drafting sessions on the draft outcome document for the Doha Review Conference (A/CONF.212/CRP.1) will be held in October and November 2008. The schedule of meetings and the draft outcome document are posted on the Web site of the Financing for Development Office <www.un.org/esa/ffd>.

All accredited stakeholders are invited to attend the drafting sessions; although only representatives of Governments and of the three major institutional stakeholders will be permitted to participate in the discussion, following the practice used in the preparatory phase for the Monterrey Conference.

In keeping with previous practice, stakeholders are welcome to make available in writing any contributions they deem appropriate, which should be addressed to the Co-Facilitators, with a copy to the Financing for Development Office, indicating their wish to have them posted on the Financing for Development Web site.

Forthcoming official meetings

Wednesday, 22 October 2008

General Assembly

Sixty-third session

10 a.m. . . . . 30th plenary meeting . . . . . General Assembly Hall

Election of eighteen members of the Economic and Social Council . . . . . [103 (b)]

Thursday, 23 October 2008

General Assembly

Sixty-third session

General Committee

10 a.m. . . . . 3rd meeting (closed) . . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber

Organization of work, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items . . . . . [7]

(a) Inclusion of an item (Question of the Comorian Island of Mayotte) (A/BUR/63/1)

(b) Inclusion of an item (Commemoration of the seventy-fifth anniversary of the Great Famine of 1932-1933 in Ukraine (Holodomor)) (A/BUR/63/1)

(c) Inclusion of an item (Observer status in the General Assembly for the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria) (A/BUR/63/1)

(d) Request for the inclusion of an additional item by the Congo (A/63/233)

(e) Request for the inclusion of an additional item by Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan (A/63/234)

(f) Allocation of agenda item 58 (Report of the Human Rights Council)

Main Committees

First Committee

Delegations wishing to be inscribed in the list of speakers for the thematic segment of the Committee's work (14 to 27 October) are kindly requested to contact Mr. Renato Monteiro (room S-2977; tel. 1 (917) 367-4193; e-mail monteiror@un.org).

Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers should be forwarded to the secretariat of the First Committee (c/o Ms. Francine Leong (room S-2977; tel. 1 (212) 963-4389; fax 1 (212) 963-5305; e-mail leong@un.org)).

Delegations wishing to reserve conference rooms for consultations during the session should contact Ms. Lidija Komatina (tel. ! (212) 963-2378).

The pre-formatted drafts and sponsors' lists can be downloaded from the QuickFirst web portal at <https://secln069.un.org/quickplace/quickfirst/Main.nsf> (see section "Pre-formatted draft resolutions/decisions"). Sponsors' lists should be submitted either as a scanned attachment at the time of e-mail submission of drafts or handed in a hard copy to the secretariat on the same or next business day. Unless submission of a draft is accompanied by the sponsors' list with signatures, the title page will contain only the name of the submitting delegation. Late submission of the sponsors' list may delay processing of the draft resolutions/decisions. Any questions regarding e-mail and web portal service should be addressed to Mr. Sergei Cherniavsky (e-mail cherniavsky@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3051).

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

Requests for inscription on the list of speakers on agenda items allocated to the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) should be sent to Mr. Martin Vrastiak (room S-2977JJ; tel. 1 (917) 367-9324; e-mail vrastiak@un.org).

Delegations are reminded that the names of their representatives, alternates and advisers to the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) are to be submitted to Mr. Saijin Zhang, Secretary of the Committee (c/o Mr. John Pabon, room S-2977NN; fax 1 (212) 963-5305).

Second Committee

Panel discussion

The Second Committee will hold a panel discussion on "Globalization and health" on Friday, 24 October 2008, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 2, to address challenges to public health systems and communicable disease interventions in the context of globalization and contribute to a holistic approach to health and development.

The panel discussion is jointly organized by the Office of ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, and the World Health Organization. Members of Permanent Missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Masumi Ono, Office of ECOSOC Support and Coordination (tel. 1 (917) 367-4096; e-mail ono@un.org).

List of speakers

The list of speakers for all items allocated to the Second Committee is open. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are requested to contact, *in writing*, the secretariat of the Committee (Ms. Dolores Lois (fax 1 (212) 963-5935; or e-mail lois@un.org)).

Composition of delegations

Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers should be submitted *as soon as possible* to Ms. Jennifer De Laurentis, Secretary of the Second Committee (room S-2950C; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

Reservation of rooms for informal "informal" consultations

Delegations wishing to reserve rooms and schedule informal "informal" consultations are requested to contact, *no later than 6 p.m. of the day before the meeting*, the secretariat of the Committee (Ms. Maria Thompson (tel. 1 (917) 367-2603; or e-mail thompsonm@un.org)).

Information on the work of the Second Committee is available at <www.un.org/ga/second/>.

Third Committee

Listed below is the tentative schedule (subject to change) for introductory statements by Special Rapporteurs, Special Representatives, Independent Experts and Chairpersons of Working Groups who will be presenting reports to the Third Committee:

Wednesday, 22 October 2008
3 p.m.

Ms. Asma Jahangir, Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief; Mr. Martin Scheinin, Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights while countering terrorism; and Ms. Maria Magdalena Sepúlveda, Independent Expert on the question of human rights and extreme poverty

Thursday, 23 October
10 a.m.

Mr. Tomas Ojea Quintana, Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar; Mr. Vitit Muntarbhorn, Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea; and Mr. Richard Falk, Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian territories occupied since 1967

3 p.m.

Mr. Manfred Nowak, Special Rapporteur on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment; and Ms. Raquel Rolnik, Special Rapporteur on adequate housing as a component of the right to an adequate standard of living

Friday, 24 October 2008
10 a.m.

Ms. Yakin Ertürk, Special Rapporteur on violence against women, its causes and consequences (oral report); Ms. Margaret Sekaggya, Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders; and Mr. Leandro Despouy, Special Rapporteur on the independence of judges and lawyers

3 p.m.

Mr. Philip Alston, Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions; and Mr. Vernor Muñoz Villalobos, Special Rapporteur on the right to education

Monday, 27 October 2008
10 a.m.

Mr. Arjun Sengupta, Chairperson of the Working Group on the Right to Development (oral report); Mr. Olivier de Schutter, Special Rapporteur on the right to food; and Mr. Cephas Lumina, Independent expert on the effects of foreign debt and other related international financial obligations of States on the full enjoyment of human rights, particularly economic, social and cultural rights

3 p.m.

Mr. Walter Kalin, Representative of the Secretary-General on the human rights of internally displaced persons; Mr. Anand Grover, Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health; and Mr. John Ruggie, Special Representative of the Secretary-General on human rights and transnational corporations and other business enterprises

Monday, 3 November 2008

10 a.m.

H.E. Ms. Najat Al-Hajjaji, Chairperson of the Durban Review Conference Preparatory Committee; Ms. Fatimata-Binta Victoire Dah, Chairperson of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (oral report); and Mr. Githu Muigai, Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance

3 p.m.

Mr. Alexander Ivanovich Nikitin, Chairperson of the Working Group on the use of mercenaries as a means of impeding the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination

List of speakers

The list of speakers on all agenda items allocated to the Third Committee is open. Requests for inscription should be sent to Ms. Nancy Beteta (fax 1 (212) 963-5935; e-mail beteta@un.org).

Composition of delegations

Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers, should be submitted *as soon as possible* to Mr. Moncef Khane, Secretary of the Third Committee (room S-2950D; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

Delegations wishing to reserve rooms for informal consultations on Third Committee matters are requested to contact Ms. Maria Thompson (fax 1 (212) 963-5935; tel. 1 (917) 367-2603).

Fifth Committee

The Fifth Committee will hold its 10th meeting on Wednesday, 22 October 2008, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 3. Informal consultations (closed) will be held following the adjournment of the 10th meeting in Conference Room 5.

General Assembly
Security Council

Peacebuilding Commission
Third session

Central African Republic configuration

An informal meeting (open) of the Central African Republic configuration of the Peacebuilding Commission will be held on Wednesday, 22 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

Forthcoming informal meetings on draft proposals convened by delegations

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Problems arising from the accumulation of conventional ammunition stockpiles in surplus" (under agenda item 89 (e)) (First Committee) (convened by the delegation of Germany)

Wednesday, 22 October 2008, from 9 to 10 a.m. in Conference Room A.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "International Year for Human Rights Learning" (under agenda item 64 (b)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Benin)

Wednesday, 22 October 2008, from 9.30 to 11 a.m. in Conference Room B; and

Friday, 24 October 2008, from 1 to 3 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.9, entitled "Improving the coordination of efforts against trafficking in persons" (under agenda item 97) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Belarus)

Wednesday, 22 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room E; and

Friday, 24 October 2008, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and full implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly" (under agenda item 56 (b)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Armenia)

Wednesday, 22 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C;

Friday, 24 October 2008, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room C; and

Monday, 27 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Safety and security of humanitarian personnel and protection of United Nations personnel" (under agenda item 65) (convened by the delegation of France)

Wednesday, 22 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room D.

Meeting of co-sponsors of the draft resolution on "Myanmar" (under agenda item 64 (c)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of France)

Wednesday, 22 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C-209B.

Informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.8, entitled "International cooperation against the world drug problem" (under agenda item 98) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Mexico)

Wednesday, 22 October 2008, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B; and

Friday, 24 October 2008, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C-209B.

Informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.3, entitled "Implementation of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons: realizing the Millennium Development Goals for persons with disabilities" (under agenda item 55 (e)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of the Philippines)

Wednesday, 22 October 2008, from 1.15 to 3 p.m. in Conference Room C;

Monday, 27 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room D; and

Thursday, 30 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.10, entitled "Strengthening the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme, in particular its technical cooperation capacity" (under agenda item 97) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Italy)

Wednesday, 22 October 2008, from 1.15 to 3 p.m. in Conference Room B; and

Friday, 24 October 2008, from 9.30 to 11 a.m. in Conference Room C-209B.

Meeting of co-sponsors of the draft resolution entitled "Protection of migrants" (under agenda item 64 (b)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Mexico)

Wednesday, 22 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Meeting of co-sponsors of the draft resolution on "Effective promotion of the Declaration on the Rights of Persons Belonging to National or Ethnic, Religious and Linguistic Minorities" (under agenda item 64 (b)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Austria)

Wednesday, 22 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C-209B.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Effects of atomic radiation" (agenda item 27) (Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)) (convened by the delegation of Canada)

Thursday, 23 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance" (under agenda item 64 (b)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Argentina)

Thursday, 23 October 2008, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 1.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on "Foreign policy and global health" (under agenda item 44) (convened by the delegation of South Africa)

Thursday, 23 October 2008, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room E.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on "Promoting development through the reduction and prevention of armed violence, for the Signatory countries of the Geneva Declaration" (convened by the delegation of Switzerland, on behalf of the core group of States of the Geneva Declaration)

Thursday, 23 October 2008, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Trafficking in women and girls" (under agenda item 56 (a)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of the Philippines)

Thursday, 23 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C; and

Wednesday, 29 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on "Operational activities for development" (under agenda item 54) (Second Committee) (convened by the delegation of Switzerland)

Thursday, 23 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 7;

Tuesday, 28 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B; and

Thursday, 30 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Human rights and extreme poverty" (under item 64 (b)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Peru)

Friday, 24 October 2008, from 1 to 3 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on "Programme 19" (under agenda item 119) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegations of Morocco and Switzerland)

Friday, 24 October 2008, from 1.15 to 3 p.m. in Conference Room C-209B.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "National institutions for the promotion and protection of human rights" (under agenda item 64 (b)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Germany)

Friday, 24 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "The intensification of efforts to eliminate all forms of violence against women" (under agenda item 56 (a)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegations of Belgium and the Netherlands)

Friday, 24 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism" (under agenda item 64 (b)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Mexico)

Monday, 27 October 2008, from 4.30 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Cooperation between the United Nations and the Council of Europe" (under agenda item 114 (g)) (General Assembly) (convened by the delegation of Sweden)

Tuesday, 28 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room E.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Protection of migrants" (under agenda item 64 (b)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Mexico)

Tuesday, 28 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on "Effective Promotion of the Declaration on the Rights of Persons Belonging to National or Ethnic, Religious and Linguistic Minorities" (under agenda item 64 (b)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Austria)

Tuesday, 28 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C-209B.

Meeting of co-sponsors on the draft resolution on "Elimination of all forms of intolerance and of discrimination based on religion and belief" (under agenda item 64 (b)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of France)

Friday, 31 October 2008, from 1.15 to 3 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the "Convention on Biological Diversity (CDB)" (under agenda item 49 (f)) (Second Committee) (convened by the delegation of Portugal)

Friday, 31 October 2008, from 3 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Other forthcoming meetings

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JUSCANZ Group (Second Committee experts)

Wednesday, 22 October 2008, from 9 to 9.45 a.m. in Conference Room 6.

OIC Group (at the ambassadorial level)

Wednesday, 22 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

OIC Group (Third Committee experts)

Wednesday, 22 October 2008, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7; and

Thursday, 23 October 2008, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

Briefing on the draft resolution entitled "Towards the sustainable development of the Caribbean Sea for present and future generations" (under agenda item 49 (b)) (organized by the Permanent Missions of Barbados and Guatemala)

Wednesday, 22 October 2008, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

Arab Group (First Committee experts)

Wednesday, 22 October 2008, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room D.

Permanent Committee of the Zone of Peace and Cooperation of the South Atlantic (ZPCSA) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Angola)

Wednesday, 22 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room E.

Group of Latin American and Caribbean States (GRULAC)

Thursday, 23 October 2008, from 8.45 to 9.45 a.m. in Conference Room 8; and

Monday, 27 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

African Group (Third Committee experts)

Thursday, 23 October 2008, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

International Criminal Court (informal consultations on the Court's 2009 budget)

Friday, 24 October 2008, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization (AALCO)

Friday, 24 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

Eastern European Group (at the expert level)

Tuesday, 28 October 2008, from 10 to 10.45 a.m. in Conference Room 9.

Western European and Other States Group (monthly meeting)

Wednesday, 29 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

Forthcoming other activities

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Interactive panel on "The price of dignity: Human rights and global economics" (organized by the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, the Department of Public Information, the NGO Committee on Human Rights and the Permanent Mission of Germany)

Wednesday, 22 October 2008, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 3.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please call OHCHR New York Office (tel. 1 (212) 963-5931). The event will be broadcasted at <www.un.org/webcast>.]

Demonstration by the Department of Public Information of a new United Nations information centres Web site, in the presence of the Under-Secretary-General for Communications and Public Information

Wednesday, 22 October 2008, from 2.30 to 3 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

[Delegates to the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) and the Committee on Information are invited to attend. For further information, please contact the Department of Public Information (tel. 1 (212) 963-6555; e-mail ferdous@un.org).]

Briefing by the President and the Vice-President of the International Humanitarian Fact-finding Commission (organized by the Permanent Mission of Switzerland)

Thursday, 23 October 2008, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Emmanuel Bichet, Permanent Mission of Switzerland (tel. 1 (212) 286-1540, ext. 1151; e-mail emmanuel.bichet@eda.admin.ch).]

Briefing by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on its *Trade and Development Report 2008*

Friday, 24 October 2008, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

[All are invited to attend.]

Panel discussion on "The United Nations Human Rights Defenders Declaration after ten years: Protecting rights in a changing world" (organized by Human Rights First, the International Service for Human Rights and the Permanent Mission of Norway)

Friday, 24 October 2008, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Azin Tadjdini, Permanent Mission of Norway (tel. 1 (212) 310-1549; e-mail azta@mfa.no).]

Forthcoming meetings at Headquarters

Economic and Social Council

United Nations Forum on Forests

Open-Ended Ad Hoc Expert Group to Develop Proposals for the Development of a Voluntary Global Financial Mechanism/Portfolio Approach/Forest Financing Framework
United Nations Office at Vienna

The Open-Ended Ad Hoc Expert Group of the United Nations Forum on Forests to Develop Proposals for the Development of a Voluntary Global Financial Mechanism/Portfolio Approach/Forest Financing Framework will meet in Vienna from Monday, 10, to Friday, 14 November 2008. In order to facilitate the issuance of identification badges by the United Nations Office at Vienna, Member States are requested to communicate the composition of their Delegations to the secretariat of the Forum (fax 1 (917) 367-3186; room DC1-1245; tel. 1 (212) 963-3401 and 1 (212) 963-3160). For further information, please visit the UNFF Web site at <www.un.org/esa/forests/>.

Announcements

Launch of the new Web site of the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA)

The United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs is pleased to announce the launch of its newly revamped and improved Web site <www.un.org/disarmament>. For further information, please e-mail UNODA-web@un.org.

General Assembly

Credentials of representatives to the sixty-third session of the General Assembly

Delegations are reminded that credentials should be issued for all representatives to the sixty-third regular session of the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly. Credentials should be sent to the secretariat of the Credentials Committee (room S-3420B or S-3420D; tel. 1 (212) 963-5352 or 963-1107).

Launch of the new Web site of the *United Nations Treaty Collection*

The Treaty Section of the Office of Legal Affairs is pleased to announce its new and substantially enhanced Web site in English and French at <treaties.un.org>. The Web site, known as the United Nations Treaty Collection (UNTC), is the authoritative source of information on multilateral treaties deposited with the Secretary-General and treaties registered with the Secretariat. A user name and password are no longer needed to access the collection. For further information, please contact the Treaty Section (tel. 1 (212) 963-5047).

Trust Fund for the Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development

The Trust Fund for the Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development seeks voluntary contributions in order to support the activities involved in the preparations for the Doha Review Conference in 2008, and to support the travel and participation of representatives of developing countries, in particular least developed countries (para. 12 of General Assembly resolution 62/187 (A/RES/62/187)). The Secretary-General issued, on 6 June 2008, a note verbale to all Governments through their Permanent Missions, appealing for voluntary contributions to the Trust Fund. In accordance with the terms of reference of the Trust Fund, voluntary contributions may be received from Governments, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, private institutions and individuals.

For further information on the Trust Fund, please contact Ms. Dominika Halka, Financing for Development Office, DESA (tel. 1 (212) 963-6653; e-mail halka@un.org); or visit <www.un.org/esa/ffd/trustfund/>.

Security Council

Web site of the presidency

The Web site of the presidency of the Security Council can be visited at <www.un.org/sc/presidency.asp>.

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Delegations are kindly requested to make 40 copies for minimum distribution to Council members and relevant services, and 200 additional copies for general distribution in the Security Council Chamber.

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Summary of official meetings

Monday, 20 October 2008

General Assembly

Sixty-third session

29th plenary meeting

New Partnership for Africa's Development: progress in implementation and international support; causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa [57 (a) and (b)]: *reports of the Secretary-General (A/63/206 and A/63/212); 2001-2010: Decade to Roll Back Malaria in Developing Countries, Particularly in Africa* [43]: *note by the Secretary-General (A/63/219): joint debate*

The General Assembly resumed its consideration of agenda item 57 and its sub-items (a) and (b) and agenda item 43.

Statements were made by the representatives of Rwanda, Italy, Kazakhstan, the United States and Malawi.

The observer of the Observer State of the Holy See made a statement.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 49/2 of 19 October 1994, the observer for the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies made a statement.

The President of the General Assembly made a statement.

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 57 and its sub-items (a) and (b) and agenda item 43.

Follow-up to the Commemoration of the two-hundredth anniversary of the abolition of the transatlantic slave trade . . . . . [108]

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/63/213)

(b) Draft resolution (A/63/L.5)

The President of the General Assembly made a statement.

The representative of Guyana (on behalf of the Caribbean Community) made a statement, in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/63/L.5.

Statements were made by the representatives of Kenya (on behalf of the African States), Jamaica, Cuba, Morocco, Ghana, the United States, the Russian Federation, the Bahamas and India.

The representative of Cape Verde made a statement on a point of order.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/63/L.5 (resolution 63/5).

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 108.

Programme of work

The General Assembly was informed that the consideration of agenda item 41 (Implementation of the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS and the Political Declaration on HIV/AIDS), scheduled for Monday, 3 November 2008, had been postponed to a later date to be announced.

The Assembly was also informed that a revised programme of work and schedule of plenary meetings of the General Assembly for the period from 22 October to 16 December 2008 had been issued as document A/INF/63/4/Rev.1.

Main Committees

First Committee

12th meeting

The Committee continued its second stage of work, namely the "Thematic discussion on item subjects and introduction and consideration of all draft resolutions submitted under agenda items 81 to 96".

The Chairperson opened a thematic discussion on outer space (disarmament aspects).

Statements were made by the representatives of Poland, the Russian Federation, Belarus, the United States, Cuba, China, the Republic of Korea, Sri Lanka, Canada and Egypt.

Draft resolutions were introduced by the representatives of Poland ("Implementation of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on Their Destruction") (The draft resolution concerning other weapons of mass destruction); the Russian Federation ("Transparency and confidence-building measures in outer space activities"); and Egypt ("Prevention of an arms race in outer space").

In the exercise of the right of reply, a statement was made by the representative of the Russian Federation.

The Chairperson opened the exchange with the Chairman of the Group of Governmental Experts to examine the feasibility, scope and draft parameters for a comprehensive, legally binding instrument establishing common international standards for the import, export and transfer of conventional arms.

The meeting was suspended for an informal question-and-answer period.

The meeting was resumed.

The Chairman thus concluded the thematic discussion on outer space and opened the thematic discussion on conventional weapons.

Statements were made by the representatives of France (on behalf of the European Union), Brazil (on behalf of the MERCOSUR and associated States), Indonesia (on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement), Barbados (on behalf of the Caribbean Community), Honduras (on behalf of the Central American Integration System) and Denmark.

The Chairperson made a statement.

The Secretary of the Committee made a statement.

A statement was made by the representative of the United Kingdom.

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

11th–12th meetings — The summary of the 11th and 12th meetings of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 2008/206).

Second Committee

13th meeting — *Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources* . . . . . [38]

The Committee began its consideration of the item and heard an introductory statement by the Officer-in-Charge of the Regional Commissions, New York Office.

Question time

Comments were made and questions were posed by the representative of the Syrian Arab Republic, as well as by the observer for Palestine, to which the Officer-in-Charge of the Regional Commissions, New York Office, responded.

The Committee began its general discussion of the item and heard statements by the representatives of Lebanon (on behalf of the Arab Group), the United Arab Emirates, the Sudan, Malaysia, Jordan, Indonesia, Saudi Arabia, the Syrian Arab Republic, Yemen, Israel, Nicaragua, Oman, Bahrain, Egypt, Kuwait, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya and Qatar, as well as by the observer for Palestine.

Right of reply

A statement was made by the observer for Palestine in the exercise of the right of reply.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of the item.

Organization of work

A statement was made by the Vice-Chairman (Belarus).

Third Committee

17th meeting — The summary of the 17th meeting of the Third Committee will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 2008/206).

Sixth Committee

9th meeting — *Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its forty-first session* . . . . . [74]

The Committee began its consideration of agenda item 74.

The Chairperson of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law at its forty-first session introduced the reports of the Commission (A/62/17 and A/63/17).

Statements were made by the representatives of Norway (on behalf of the Nordic countries), Austria, Australia, Belarus, Guatemala, Japan, India, China, the Russian Federation, Singapore, Qatar, Thailand, Mexico, Cameroon, Senegal, France, Spain, the Republic of Korea, the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, New Zealand and Slovenia.

10th meeting — *Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its forty-first session* . . . . . [74]

The Committee continued its consideration of agenda item 74.

Statements were made by the representatives of Algeria, the United States, the United Kingdom, Greece, Canada, Malaysia, South Africa, Pakistan, Ghana, the Netherlands and Indonesia.

The Committee thus concluded its debate on agenda item 74.

General information

Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *October 2008* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:

Kenya
H.E. Mr. Zachary Muburi-Muita

Asian States:
Indonesia
H.E. R.M. Marty Natalegawa

Eastern European States:
Romania
H.E. Mrs. Simona Mirela Miculescu

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Brazil
H.E. Mrs. Maria Luiza Ribeiro Viotti

Western European and other States:
Ireland
H.E. Mr. John Paul Kavanagh

Daily list of documents issued at Headquarters

With the exception of sales publications and public information material, hyperlinked official documents listed hereunder may be accessed through the Official Document System of the United Nations in the electronic version of the present Journal. The list contains documents issued by 2 p.m. on Monday, 20 October 2008.

Symbol	*Main title*
General Assembly	**Documents**
	Sixty-third session
A/63/364	Item 59 (a) of the provisional agenda — Advancement of women — Improvement of the status of women in the United Nations system — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/63/365	Item 62 (b) — Elimination of racism and racial discrimination: comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action — Combating defamation of religions — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/63/375	Item 29 — United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East — Report of the Working Group on the Financing of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East [A C E F R S]
A/63/379	Items 118 and 128 — Programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 — Report on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services — Comprehensive management audit of the Department of Safety and Security — Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services — "Governance and coordination issues need to be addressed as a priority to strengthen the Department of Safety and Security and to effectively mitigate the security risks facing the United Nations" [A C E F R S]

A/63/459	Item 64 (c) — Promotion and protection of human rights: human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives — Report of the Secretary-General on the situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran [A C E F R S]
A/63/485	Item 70 — Oceans and the law of the sea — Letter dated 13 October 2008 from the Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/63/L.5	Item 108 — Follow-up to the commemoration of the two-hundredth anniversary of the abolition of the transatlantic slave trade — Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Brazil, Chile, Costa Rica, Cuba, Denmark, Dominica, Grenada, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Hungary, Iceland, India, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Kenya, Kuwait, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Nicaragua, Norway, Panama, Paraguay, Portugal, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Singapore, Slovakia, Spain, Sri Lanka, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of): draft resolution — Permanent memorial to and remembrance of the victims of slavery and the transatlantic slave trade [A C E F R S]
A/INF/63/4/Rev.1	Programme of work of the General Assembly — Schedule of plenary meetings — Note by the President of the General Assembly [A C E F R S]
	Third Committee
A/C.3/63/3	Item 64 (d) — Promotion and protection of human rights: comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action — Letter dated 7 October 2008 from the Permanent Representative of Austria to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/C.3/63/L.12	Item 56 (a) — Advancement of women: advancement of women — Belgium and Netherlands: draft resolution — Intensification of efforts to eliminate all forms of violence against women [A C E F R S]
A/C.3/63/L.14	Item 56 — Advancement of women — Antigua and Barbuda: draft resolution — Future operation of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women [A C E F R S]
	Sixth Committee
A/C.6/63/L.2	Item 153 — Observer status for the University for Peace in the General Assembly — Chile, Costa Rica, Nicaragua, Peru, Philippines, Saint Lucia and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of): draft resolution [A C E F R S]
A/C.6/63/L.3	Item 151 — Observer status for the South Centre in the General Assembly — Angola, Benin, Brazil, China, Côte d'Ivoire, Guyana, India, Indonesia, Jamaica, Malawi, Malaysia, Mauritius, Morocco, Mozambique, Nigeria, Philippines, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Sudan, Suriname, Syrian Arab Republic, United Republic of Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe: draft resolution [A C E F R S]

Security Council	**Documents**
S/2008/655	Letter dated 15 October 2008 from the Permanent Representative of China to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
	Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1737 (2006)
S/AC.50/2008/63	Note verbale dated 9 October 2008 from the Permanent Mission of Brazil to the United Nations addressed to the Chairman of the Committee [A C E F R S]

Economic and Social Council

Documents

Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters
Fourth session

E/C.18/2008/3/Corr.1 Item 4 (e) of the provisional agenda — Exchange of information, including proposed code of conduct — Note by the Coordinator of the Subcommittee on Exchange of Information: proposed revised article 26 (Exchange of information) and proposed revised commentary (2008) on article 26 (paras. 1-3) [A C E F R S]

E/C.18/2008/3/Add.1/Corr.1
Item 4 (e) of the provisional agenda — Exchange of information, including proposed code of conduct — Note by the Coordinator of the Subcommittee on Exchange of Information: proposed revised commentary (2008) on article 26 (paras. 4-6) and proposed code of conduct on cooperation in combating international tax evasion [A C E F R S]

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